

Race and Social Justice Initiative

2012 Mid-year Progress Report to City Council



ADVANCE OPPORTUNITY. ACHIEVE EQUITY.



The work of RSJI in 2012

- 1. Applying racial equity tools to department programs and projects.
- 2. Building racial equity into policies and initiatives.
- 3. Partnering with other institutions and the community.



1) Applying racial equity tools to programs and projects

- Use of the Racial Equity Toolkit Filter in the development of 2013 Budget Issue Papers
- 2010 census data are overlapped with maps of parks and facility locations
- Recent memo challenging staff to make greater efforts to program inclusively



2) Building racial equity into policies and initiatives

- Mentorship program
- Human Resources engaging employees
- Youth employment programs
- Seize opportunities to be inclusive



3) Partnering with community and other institutions

- Engaging Advisory Councils and Friends of groups to help determine where our efforts are most effective.
- Contracting support to engage immigrant and refugee organizations
- Rainier Beach Community Center



Our current WMBE numbers

Through June 2012

Consulting – 6.98%;

Purchasing - 15.52%;

Construction Contracts- 55.23%

Summer seasonal Food Vending-71%



We appreciate the opportunity to share our accomplishments with you today.

Thank you.

